



*Embassy of the United States of America
Riyadh, Saudi Arabia*

SECURITY MESSAGE FOR U.S. CITIZENS

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The Embassy is aware that many individuals travel during the holiday season. In light of regional tensions and recent attacks in France, Lebanon, Turkey, and Mali, we would like to remind everyone that, per our Travel Warning for Saudi Arabia, security threats continue and terrorist groups have targeted both Saudi and Western interests, with possible targets including housing compounds, shopping areas, restaurants, and other places Westerners congregate. With this warning in mind, and with the recent terrorist incidents outside the Kingdom, we urge all U.S. citizens to use good security practices and to exercise caution whether remaining home or traveling.

Regardless of where you are, it is always advisable to keep your security and situational awareness levels high. Please follow these good personal security practices:

Avoid crowds or large gatherings when traveling in public;

Know where you are going and have a plan of what to do in the event you encounter demonstrations or violence;

Identify safe areas (for example police stations, hospitals, Saudi Government buildings) in your area and how to get to them quickly;

Tell co-workers or neighbors where you're going and when you intend to return;

If traveling outside the Kingdom, enroll with the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to ensure you receive up-to-date security information from the U.S. embassies and consulates in the countries in which you travel, and so that you can be contacted in the event of an emergency;

Prior to traveling, review information on the countries you plan to visit on the [State Department's travel website](#), where Travel Warnings and Country Specific Information can be found;

Minimize your profile while in public;

Always carry a cell phone and make sure you have emergency numbers pre-programmed into your phone such as the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh (011-488-3800), U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah (012-667-0080), and U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran (013-330-3200). The

emergency number for the Saudi Police, Fire, and Rescue is 999. Please keep in mind that most emergency dispatchers and personnel do not speak English;

Be prepared to postpone or cancel activities for personal safety concerns;

Report concerns you may have to the U.S. Embassy in Riyadh, the U.S. Consulate General in Jeddah, or the U.S. Consulate General in Dhahran.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Saudi Arabia Country Specific Information](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in Saudi Arabia](#) located at Abdullah Ibn Huthafah Al-Sahmi Street, Diplomatic Quarter, at +966 11 488 3800, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday through Thursday. After-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +966 11 488 3800.
- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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